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SUBJ: BARUTI VISIT TO IMF AND IBRD MEETINGS

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1. AMBASSADOR CALLED ON FINMIN (COMMISSAIRE D'ETAT POUR LES FINANCES) BARUTI SEP 7 TO PROBE FURTHER BARUTI'S STATED INTEREST IN DISCUSSING BILATERAL ISSUES IN WASHINGTON ON MARGIN OF IMF-IBRD ANNUAL MEETINGS. BARUTI SAID HE WISHED TO DISCUSS USE OF AID COUNTERPART FUNDS EVEN THOUGH THEY WERE ABOUT EXHAUSTED. HE AGREED WITH AMBASSADOR THAT FURTHER PL-480 TITLE I ASSISTANCE WAS INAPPROPRIATE. HE ALSO WANTED EXPLORE POSSIBILITY OF HAVING MORE INITIATIVES FOR AID PROJECTS COME FROM GOZ SIDE.

2. WHILE HE THOUGHT INCREASED TRADE AND BETTER PRICES FOR ZAIRE'S EXPORTS WERE MORE DESIREABLE THAN AID, HE SAW REAL NEED FOR AID IN EQUIPPING PORT AT BANANA AND LA VOIE NATIONALE RAILWAY LINE, STARTING WITH THE BANANA-MATADI SEGMENT. HE SEEMED TO BE CONFUSED ABOUT THIS SINCE HE SAID THAT FINANCING HAD ALREADY BEEN OBTAINED BUT THAT DECISIONS HAD NOT BEEN MADE ON EQUIPMENT PROCUREMENT.

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(TOKYO'S 15398 OF NOV 28, 1973 STATES BANANA-MATADI RAILWAY LOAN

IS TIED BUT KINSHASA'S 9193 OF OCT 25, 1973 ALLEGES
LEGAL COST FINANCING WOULD BE USED FOR SUCONTRACT FOR MORRISON-
KNUDSEN.) HE HOPED US EQUIPMENT WOULD BE OFFERED ON COMPETITIVE
TERMS. AMBASSADOR REPLIED AID HAD DONE SOME TRANSPORTATION LENDING AND

MIGHT MAKE FURTHER SMALL LOAN, BUT AS FAR AS EQUIPMENT
IMPORTS FOR ZAIRE'S PORT AND RAILWAY PROJECTS WERE CONCERNED,
DISCUSSION WITH EXIM WOULD BE BETTER THAN AID.

3. AMBASSADOR TOLD BARUTI OF HIS DESIRE INTRODUCE AID DIRE-
CTOR SPENCER, POINTING OUT SPENCER'S HIGH QUALIFICATIONS AND AID'S
EXPRESSED INTEREST IN AGRICULTURAL AND PUBLIC HEALTH PROJECTS.
BARUTI AGREED EARLY MEETING DESIREABLE BUT SIAD HE FAIRLY TIED UP
AT MRP SEMINAR FROM NOW UNTIL HIS DEPARTURE FOR WASHINGTON SEP 27.

4. IN ADDITION TO DISCUSSIONS WITH AID, BARUTI SAID HE WOULD LIKE
TO HAVE DISCUSSIONS WITH EXIMBANK OVER STATUS EXISTING LOANS,
PROBLEMS THEREWITH, AND FUTURE LENDING POSSIBILITIES, E.G., REYNOLDS.

5. IN REPLY TO AMBASSADOR'S QUERY, BARUTI INDICATED HE THOUGHT
STATE AND TRASURY ATTENDANCE AT BILATERALS WOULD BE QUITE APP-
ROPRIATE.

6. ACTION REQUEST: PLEASE SCHEDULE MEETINGS, PROBABLY AT ADAMS-
KOBELSKI LEVEL, FOR BARUTI AND GOZ DELEGATION FOR WEEK BEGINNING
SEP 30. INFORM.

7. FOR OTHER SUBJECTS, SEE SEPTELS.
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